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(U) NATIONAL

(U) New Jersey – FBI Investigating New Jersey Kosher Grocery Rampage as Domestic Terrorism

(U) Jersey City – The fatal gun rampage at a kosher grocery store in northern New Jersey this week is now being treated as an act of domestic terrorism and the FBI will oversee the investigation, federal and state law enforcement officials said on 12 December. Six people, including the man and woman who carried out the attack, three civilians and a police officer died in a series of events that ended in a police shootout on 10 December. “The evidence points toward acts of hate,” state Attorney General Gurbir Grewal told a news conference. “We are investigating this matter as potential acts of domestic terror, fueled both by anti-Semitism and anti-law enforcement beliefs.” Authorities said they were examining social media posts and other evidence to learn more about the motives of the attackers, who they said had expressed interest in the Black Hebrew Israelites, a group unaffiliated with mainstream Judaism and some of whose offshoots the Southern Poverty Law Center lists as hate groups.

SOURCE: 12 December 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) New York – Seven Indicted in Drug Packaging Mill Operation, One Charged with Assaulting Officers by Throwing Fentanyl

(U) New York City – A Bronx man who authorities say threw toxic fentanyl at a police officer was indicted with six others in a major drug bust on 12 December. Christian Rojas, 44, allegedly threw loose powdered fentanyl at a New York Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Strike Force agent’s head during a sting operation on 7 November at a secret drug packaging mill in Mott Haven. The airborne drugs caused the officer to suffer nausea and shortness of breath. Four other officers nearby, part of the multi-agency federal and local task force, suffered a number of fentanyl-related symptoms and required hospitalization, with one briefly falling unconscious, investigators said. Over 20,000 individual dose glassine envelopes filled with heroin and fentanyl were recovered from the mill, as well as additional quantities of narcotics in loose powder form.

SOURCE: 12 December 2019, [New York Daily News](#)

(U) Wisconsin – California Man Indicted for Distributing Illegal Drugs

(U) Milwaukee – Richard Garner, 55, of Rancho Cucamonga, California has been indicted for distributing illegal drugs to a Milwaukee residence in July 2019. Garner was arrested on 20 November in Riverside, California based on a criminal complaint filed in Wisconsin. According to that complaint, Garner mailed a suspected drug-laden package from Redondo Beach, California to a residence in Milwaukee. The US Postal Inspection Service intercepted the package which contained approximately 2.2-pounds of fentanyl.

SOURCE: 12 December 2019, [Fox 6](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Denmark – Six to Remain Jailed in Denmark for Alleged Terror Attack Plot

(U) Copenhagen – Six people who were arrested as part of what Danish authorities alleged was an Islamist-inspired attack plot have been ordered held in pre-trial custody for four weeks. Police in

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Denmark arrested 22 suspects in a series of raids across the country earlier this week, saying they had thwarted extremist violence. The six people still jailed have pleaded not guilty to preliminary terror charges. A Copenhagen court on 12 December ordered two 21-year-old men and a 38-year-old woman to remain jailed for allegedly trying to produce one or several bombs with the explosive tri-acetone tri-peroxide (TATP), the prosecution said. TATP has been used in extremist attacks worldwide. A sixth suspect, a 28-year-old man, was remanded to custody, the preliminary charge against him was not known because the hearing was held behind closed doors.

SOURCE: 13 December 2019, [Washington Times](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Two People Arrested on Suspicion of Terror Offences

(U) Birmingham – A 25-year-old man and a woman, 23, are being held on suspicion of the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism, West Midlands Police said. The arrests were linked to Islamist-related terrorism but not associated with the London Bridge terror attack. Police are searching an address in the city as part of the investigation. The arrests were pre-planned and intelligence-led, police said, adding its investigation was under way before the 29 November attack.

SOURCE: 13 December 2019, [BBC](#)

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